

OGC HAS REVIEWED.

Mr. Houston:

As you will note, the only matter that needs attending in the attached memorandum is the approval of "severance pay" by the DD/A. [REDACTED] would like to authorize departure from D. C. on Thursday or Friday. The key to this action is the severance pay. The key to the general cure is something else.

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A suggestion has been made that the Agency unilaterally extend the contracts through 31 January 1953. This would establish a document of reference for audit and payment purposes. However, in view of the present record, i.e., [REDACTED]

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etc., such action would be unrealistic and in my opinion subject to question. This action might have been seasonable about a month ago whereby the contract could have been extended through 31 January 1953 and notice of cancellation given on 1 January 1953.

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*understand you will
get case officer to pre-
pare a request for DD/A
to approve.*

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